10 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Victor M. Zafra,
Bureau of the Budget, on S. 1035

1. At 1120 this morning, I called Mr. Zafra to confirm that a copy of the Director's letter to the President on the above matter was en route to the Bureau of the Budget. Mr. Zafra asked whether we were also sending them a report on our position regarding the bill. I said that I hoped when he saw the copy of our letter to the President, he would agree that this should obviate the necessity for such a report. Mr. Zafra asked when a copy of our proposed testimony would be available. I said it was now in preparation and might be completed by close of business tomorrow. Mr. Zafra said that Chairman Macy, Civil Service Commission, was still scheduled to testify on Thursday, 13 June, and that the Bureau was most anxious to get a copy of our proposed testimony as soon as possible, together with that of other agencies involved, so that they would have an opportunity to consider the problem thoroughly before Mr. Macy's testimony. He indicated he expected Mr. Macy's testimony to reflect the CIA position and felt that the CIA position should serve as a general guide in the overall presentation of the case by the Executive Branch. Mr. Zafra said State Department was seeking an exemption from the bill for all USIB agencies, but in Zafra's view this was unrealistic and the best solution would be to vest authority in the President to exempt the agencies or categories of individuals as required by the national security.

2. Mr. Zafra said he had heard rumors that the Henderson Subcommittee was preparing an entirely new bill, but that this was not confirmed and for present purposes we should address ourselves to the problems posed by S. 1035.

3. In closing, Mr. Zafra again emphasized his desire to get a copy of our testimony as soon as possible, but in no case later than close of business 11 June 1968. He asked that we call him to alert him when it was on the way.

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